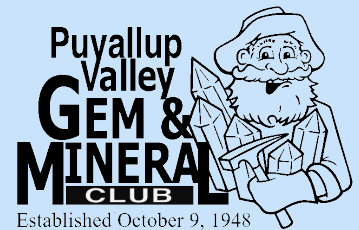


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President's Perspective

Glenn Rodrick

August is the second busiest month for the club. The Siperek's are having their annual sale at the clubhouse Wednesday, July 29th through Sunday, August 2nd. Sales starts 9:00am to 5:00pm

We have our Overnight Field Trip with world famous camp spaghetti and breakfast Saturday, August 15th and Sunday August 16th.

Finally, we will have our club picknick, potluck, and tailgate at the clubhouse Saturday, August 22nd. Check your email for more information coming soon about this event. It is a

Our busiest month is September with the Washington State Fair. Please sign up to volunteer at the club booth. You get free admission to the fair and free parking. The Signup sheet will be at every meeting, just ask Jillian or if you want to know about specific dates and times, contact her at PVGAMC@gmail.com. Spots are filling up fast, so make sure you get your requesting in before it gets taken by another member. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered.

Field Trip Report

August 15 & 16 Overnight - Greenwater

This fieldtrip is with the Washington State Mineral Council - overnight camp out & pot luck @ 28 Mile Creek Parking Area

Meeting place - 9:00AM at the Enumclaw Ranger Station for those not camping out

Hunting for - Jasper, Agate, Petrified wood, common opal

Tools you need - Rock hammer, shovel, pry bar, hammer, chisel and a backpack/bucket for your treasures

Access - this area is fairly easy to access

Additional items - lunch/snacks and water, water, water. Bug spray. Dress in layers.

September 19 - Little Naches

Meeting place - 10:00 AM on Hwy 410 at Forest Rd 19, mile marker 92

Hunting for - Jasper, Agate, Petrified wood, Thundereggs

Tools you need - **Rock hammer**, shovel, **pry bar**, hammer, **chisel**, treasure scoop, waders, and a backpack/bucket for your treasures

Access - moderate terrain, 1/2-mile hike to thunderegg site

Additional items - lunch/snacks and water, water, water. Dress in layers. Be prepared for ticks/mosquitoes

Please remember that even though we love to meet new people, fieldtrips are a member benefit and part of your membership dues covers you for injury liability.

Though injuries are rare, and we do everything we can to avoid them, we are going out into nature, and uncontrollable environment.

All individuals attending field trips will have to sign a release of liability, and if you are bringing guests, we will try to entice them to join the club by having Membership applications available.

AUGUST 2026 CLUB HOUSE SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
1	Saturday	10:00AM-2:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Wes Ames
2	Sunday				
3	Monday	10:00AM-2:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Tasha Parker
4	Tuesday	4:00PM-8:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Wes Ames
5	Wednesday	10:00AM-2:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Dennis Batchelor
6	Thursday	4:00PM-8:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Rennera Barnes
7	Friday				
8	Saturday	10:00AM-2:00PM	Gem Trees	Club House	Dana James
9	Sunday	10:00AM	Clubhouse Cleanup	Club House	Dennis Batchelor
10	Monday	10:00AM-2:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Tasha Parker
		7:00PM-8:00PM	Opal Club Business Meeting	Club House	Tony Johnson
11	Tuesday	4:00PM-8:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Wes Ames
12	Wednesday	10:00AM-2:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Dennis Batchelor
		4:00PM-8:00PM	Wire Wrapping	Club House	Diane Stangland
13	Thursday	4:00PM-8:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Rennera Barnes
14	Friday	6:00PM	Club Board Meeting	Fruitland Grange	Dennis Batchelor
		7:30PM	Club Business Meeting	Fruitland Grange	Glenn Rodrick
15	Saturday	See Fieldtrip Report	Greenwater - OVERNIGHT	Field Trip	Paul Haak
16	Sunday	See Fieldtrip Report	Greenwater - OVERNIGHT	Field Trip	Paul Haak
17	Monday	10:00AM-2:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Tasha Parker
18	Tuesday	4:00PM-8:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Wes Ames
19	Wednesday	10:00AM-2:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Dennis Batchelor
20	Thursday	4:00PM-8:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Rennera Barnes
21	Friday				
22	Saturday	10:00AM-2:00PM	To Be Announced	Club House	
23	Sunday				
24	Monday	10:00AM-2:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Tasha Parker
25	Tuesday	4:00PM-8:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Wes Ames
26	Wednesday	10:00AM-2:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Dennis Batchelor
27	Thursday	4:00PM-8:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Rennera Barnes
28	Friday				
29	Saturday	1:00PM - 2:00PM	Club Picnic and Potluck	Club House	Glenn Rodrick
30	Sunday				
31	Monday	10:00AM-2:00PM	Members Open Access	Club House	Tasha Parker

For questions about a specific class or event, contact PVGAMC@gmail.com

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*** **Membership Open Access** is the time when members can use the saws and cabling machines

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN TOWELS

This schedule is subject to change. Please check the club website for updated information.

Clubhouse report

Wes Ames

Since rumors have been heard that no saws are working at the Clubhouse. Here's their present status.

A new 16 inch has been ordered to replace old one. A temporary fix for 18-inch broken piece on back order.

Both 14 and 12-inch are up and running at present. Fruit room saw found to have wrong size bolts in feed assembly in process of getting replacements, so it will feed properly.

Trim saws are both up and running.

This means 4 of 6 slab saws are at present working. All other Equipment at clubhouse is up and working.

Associations Director Report

Hello my fellow rockhounds and pebblepups.

I hope all is well and you are enjoying some outdoor rock related endeavors. I attended the Washington State Mineral Council's meeting on July 21st at the Maplewood Rock and Gem Club's clubhouse in Edmonds. Subjects discussed included a new logo, an update on the new map books and recruiting a new webmaster and newsletter editor. We don't have a meeting next month but will meet again on September 15 at 7PM.

As for the Federal government, I'm keeping my eye on the Caja del Rio Protection Act (S. 4458/ H.R. 8616). If enacted this would designate 107,000 acres of the Casa del Rio as a National Conservation Area and Special Management Area. This would effectively shut down the area to motorized vehicles and close down all existing trails. The lawsuit involving the Chuckwalla National Monument is still pending with the trial hopefully starting by the end of summer. Rockhounding is still permitted until the case is resolved. The Mojave National Trails Monument is still in the planning stages but BLM doesn't have funding to continue with the planning and hold meetings. Meanwhile rockhounds still have full access to all areas.

There is nothing going on in our state legislature as they are in recess until the beginning of next year.

Respectfully submitted by

Mark Baumann

Associations Director

Volunteer Spotlight -

This is a new segment of the newsletter to help the membership see where there are opportunities to volunteer.

June clubhouse volunteers:

Sheri St.John, Roxanne and Steve Gary, Dennis

We will be needing volunteers to help with the Club Picnic setup in August 2026 and grill management. This is a potluck, and more information will be coming out in an email.

We are down to 27 volunteer spots for the WA State Fair. Please check your email to see what spots are available or come to the next meeting.

AUGUST 9th, CLUBHOUSE CLEANUP – WE WILL BE; ORGANIZING CLUBSHOW BINS, WEEDWAKING, MOWING, CLEANING KITCHEN AND CABINING ROOM COUNTERS, VACUUMING, ETC. There are options for everyone, so if any of these options look good to you, show up at 10:00am at the clubhouse and help us keep it nice.

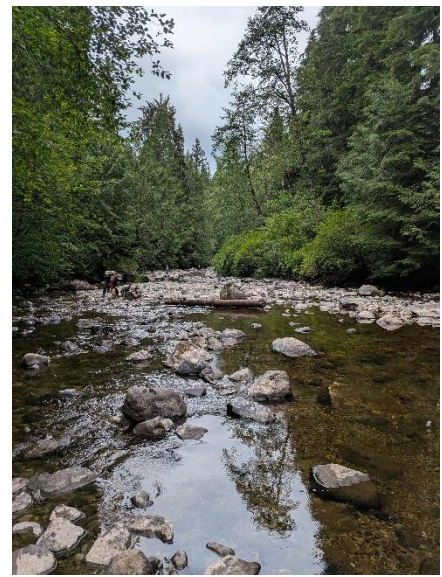
Field Trip Recap

Paul Haak

I wanted to provide a quick recap of our July 18th field trip to Pilchuck Creek.

We had 14 people attend to look for jade where Bear Creek drains into Pilchuck Creek. It was a beautiful day, and the water level was really low, making it an excellent day for hunting jade. Most people came home with lots of beautiful green rocks, and everyone had a great time. We even saw a few massive boulders of jade that just wouldn't quite fit in our buckets.

Thank you to everyone who joined us!



Legal Aspects of Rock, Mineral, and Fossil Collecting – Part 3

By Timothy J. Witt, J.D.

Additional Conditions, Limitations, and Prohibitions on Rock Collecting

Even with permission or consent, rock, mineral, and fossil collectors should be familiar with any conditions, limitations, or prohibitions applicable to planned collecting activities. Conditions, limitations, and prohibitions typically result from the application of various laws and regulations or the specific wishes of the property owners. With government land, discretion to adopt and implement policies regarding specimen collecting and related activities is granted to the local agencies tasked with administering and managing such government land. Thus, policies may differ with respect to government lands even when a large government agency like the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Forest Service, or the National Park Service administers and manages those government lands.



The world's most famous locality for amazonite and smoky quartz is in Colorado. There are thousands of other mineral collecting and commercial production sites within the state. In 2015 there were over 10,000 active mining claims in Colorado. [Click to enlarge image.](#)

Use Restrictions

One common restriction deals with the anticipated use of any rocks, minerals, or fossils collected. In many instances, permission is granted or even implied when rock collecting activities are purely for personal purposes, which includes hobby activities. In some cases, rock collecting activities that are for educational purposes are also permitted without further complication. Collecting activities that are done for a commercial purpose, however, are oftentimes restricted or prohibited. Commercial purposes would include not only collecting specimens for direct sale, but also for use in jewelry and other creative pieces that are then sold.

Accordingly, it's crucial for the collector to know what limitations or prohibitions exist

on collecting related to certain uses or end-purposes. For example, on all lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management or the United States Forest Service, commercial collections of rocks and other specimens requires special permit authorization.²² California law applying to certain public lands administered by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, referred to as “units,” offers another example. In the case of California, certain areas are open only to personal, non-commercial rock collecting.²³ Other state laws are less clear, but nonetheless would prohibit rock collecting if being conducted for commercial purposes.²⁴ Use limitations are oftentimes taken very seriously and violators are punished. One such example occurred in Idaho, where a man who took 9,800 pounds of sandstone rocks from Bureau of Land Management lands to sell for landscaping purposes was subsequently convicted and sentenced to serve nine months in jail.

A nice piece of petrified wood suitable for lapidary work. The pore spaces in the wood have been completely silicified, and the piece is relatively free of fractures. It also has nice color. Petrified wood like this is very hard to find. Specimen is about three inches across.



Amount Restrictions

Another common restriction involves the anticipated amount of any rocks or minerals collected, in which cases the amount of rocks and minerals collected is most often measured in number, weight, or volume. In many ways, amount restrictions are closely related to use restrictions; it is assumed that someone taking a large amount of rock and other specimens is doing so for commercial purposes. Thus, collectors should know and closely abide by any amount restrictions. Oftentimes amount restrictions are vague and subject to interpretation.²⁵ As a result, collectors should follow various “rules of thumb” and reasonableness standards when determining the amount of rocks or other specimens to be collected. Some restrictions are more specific. For example, limited quantities of petrified wood can be collected without a permit for non-commercial purposes on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management so long as no more than twenty-five pounds plus one additional piece are collected per day with a maximum limit of two hundred fifty pounds each calendar year.²⁶ Collectors with an interest in fossils should note that similar rules and principles apply to fossil rocks found on Bureau of Land Management or United States Forest Reserve lands as well.²⁷ California Department of Parks and Recreation lands have a defined weight rule as well, limiting takes to not more than fifteen pounds of mineralogical material or not more than one specimen plus fifteen pounds of mineralogical

material.²⁸ In Utah, state lands administered by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration are subject to weight restrictions as well with maximum limitations identical to Bureau of Land Management regulations. Unlike a weight restriction, Hawaii previously limited personal, non-commercial rock and specimen collecting on shoreline areas with a volume limit of up to one gallon per person per day. This restriction was more recently amended, however, to prohibit taking any amount.²⁹ Demonstrating the complexity of determining the applicability of specific laws, rock collecting in “small quantities” for personal, non-commercial use appears to still be permitted in Hawaii State Parks that are not recognized as shoreline areas, so long as local laws do not prohibit such collecting.³⁰



Restrictions are often placed on the methods that can be used while searching or producing rocks, minerals and fossils. In some areas only hand tools can be used. The depth or square footage of excavation or digging can be limited. There are often restrictions on the use of motorized tools, vehicles, and explosives. Before working on any land, be sure that your methods will comply with what is allowed. USGS image.

Method Restrictions

Yet another restriction rock, mineral, and fossil collectors will often see related to the anticipated method for collecting. Once again, as with amount restrictions, method restrictions are also closely related to use restrictions. Certain methods lend themselves more to collecting for commercial purposes, particularly given their complication and expense. For example, on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management or the United States Forest Service, explosives, motorized or mechanical devices, and heavy equipment cannot be used for collection purposes. Additionally, collection methods that would result in destruction or disturbance of public lands, water, or assets are prohibited as well.³¹ For another example, California applies similar rules to Department of Parks and Recreation lands where tools cannot be used and, by implication, the ground and its features cannot be disturbed.³²

On most Bureau of Land Management and United States Forest Service lands, the collection of vertebrate fossil rocks is prohibited and criminalized. National Park Service photo.

Specimen Restrictions

Other common restrictions of which rock, mineral, and fossil collectors should be aware are specimen restrictions. Oftentimes use restrictions are related to public policies related to the attributed value of certain specimens, whether that value be monetary, educational, scientific, or otherwise.³³ Most specimen restrictions prohibit the collection of certain types of specimens. For example, on Bureau of Land Management and United States Forest Service lands, while plant and invertebrate fossil rocks may be collected for non-commercial purposes, the collection of vertebrate fossil rocks is prohibited and criminalized.³⁴ Rock collectors should also note that taking or removing rocks that have been specifically claimed or deemed the property of the federal government could result specifically in prosecution for theft of government property under 18 USC § 641.³⁵ Other specimens of potential interest to rock collectors are subject to similar prohibitions.³⁶ Rocks containing fossils are one particularly highly-regulated specimen. Meteorites are another.³⁷ California, for example, also specifically prohibits the collection of all Indian artifacts, including rock items.³⁸

Timing Restrictions

Timing restrictions, as a practical matter, may be the most common type of restriction in the sense that most landowners and government agencies will only permit the collection of rocks during daylight hours. For the rock collector, daylight restrictions should present no issue. In other situations, however, rock, mineral, and fossil collecting activities may be limited to certain times of the year or during specifically-identified “vacant” periods. For example, in Pennsylvania and many other states certain areas are closed off from public access or activities during certain times of the year to protect endangered bat species. Other areas that are usually open to the public may also be closed for weather or safety-related reasons during periods.

General Advice for Rock, Mineral, and Fossil Collectors

With so much to consider and the potential for missteps and peril, what’s a rock, mineral, or fossil collector to do? Thankfully, diligent respect and consideration for several simple rules will assist rock, mineral, or fossil collectors in engaging in their hobby without running afoul of the law.

1. Don’t rely solely on a single source without additional verification.

Anecdotally, many collectors use various sources to locate prime collecting areas. Such sources can include everything from paper maps and hardcopy guidebooks to online forums. In many instances, these sources identify certain areas and specifically label them as being freely open to rock, mineral, or fossil collecting. Unfortunately, while well-intended, such sources are sometimes based on outdated or incorrect information resulting in their being inaccurate. For example, laws or property ownership may have changed, and what was once permissible may no longer be. While such sources may be useful in narrowing down rock, mineral, or fossil collecting areas, collectors should always seek and obtain additional verification that collecting is permissible in a specific area.

2. Check out public information databases, GPS maps, and courthouse records for additional verification.

Collectors should verify ownership or possession of property using other resources like public databases, GPS mapping programs, and courthouse records. Given the official nature of such resources, they can be relied upon to provide useful and accurate information. For example, property tax database searches, while not absolute, can be helpful in identifying the owner or possessor of property and provide other relevant contact information, but oftentimes require knowing the name, identification number, or address of the property. GPS mapping programs oftentimes enable searchers to locate information about properties from a graphical point-and-click interface without already knowing owner names or property addresses or identification numbers. Courthouse records, particularly land ownership records, are most conclusive for verifying ownership or possession. Once again, however, locating courthouse records oftentimes requires searchers to know the name of the owner or possessor.



Although it is unusual to see a metal sign made specifically to post at locations where rock collecting is not allowed, enough of them are sold that companies selling metal signs have them available as a standard product.

3. Be aware of postings, notices, and signs on properties.

Collectors should respect all postings, notices, and signs on properties that they are considering entering. In many cases, collectors can easily and clearly determine the owner or possessor's position regarding granting someone permission to enter the property and search for specimens. Most obviously, "Stay Out" and "No Trespassing" signs should be respected. Likewise, postings, notices, and signs may also lay out applicable regulations regarding rock collecting, including any permissions that are required and any prohibitions, restrictions, or limitations. Collectors who are challenged for being on property may even find that the specific language in some signage can be interpreted permissively and, therefore, provides reasonable grounds for avoiding charges or liability.

4. Contact local offices of governmental entities or agencies.

Collectors looking to enter government land to search for and take specimens should contact the local office of the governmental entity or agency tasked with overseeing or administering such government land. For example, the Bureau of Land Management, United States Forest Service, and state park systems have local offices assigned to specific areas. In contacting the local office, collectors should inquire about any necessary permits, along with prohibitions, restrictions, and limitations. Oftentimes, making an attempt to contact the local office and follow appropriate procedures will engender cooperation, assistance, and respect from government officials, which, in turn, can go a long way towards obtaining any necessary permits and ensuring a positive and fruitful collecting experience. Collectors should also contact local offices to confirm applicable rules and procedures, as local offices are oftentimes given discretion to adopt and implement their own rules and procedures for specimen collecting.

5. Check for applicable laws.

Collectors would be well served to do a quick search for applicable laws before going on any collecting expedition. It may be easier to locate relevant laws and regulations than many collectors think. Although searches for applicable laws require close scrutiny of sources and examination for exceptions or qualifiers, many laws are fairly straightforward. Basic internet searches using the name of state or locality of interest and the name of any government entity or agency administering such areas, when entered with relevant phrases like "rock collecting" or "rockhounding," may provide substantial insight and clarity.

6. Seek legal advice where there is cause for concern.

In situations where ownership or possession is unclear or where the applicability of any prohibition, restriction, or limitation is in question, collectors should seek professional legal advice. This is all the more true where the "stakes" of collecting are higher such as when collecting is being performed for commercial purposes or the specimens being collected are of substantial value or universal interest. Although it may seem burdensome, finding out what is or is not legal in advance of a collecting trip can, in one sense, make a huge difference in the great success or utter failure of the trip.

State Fair Competition Rules

HOBBY HALL HANDCRAFTS ENTRIES The Washington State Fair Departmental Exhibitors Rules and Regulations (link on page 3) governing all departments of The Fair are to be observed with a few additions.

1. Entry registration must be made online for all divisions by entry deadline. See page 4 for Online Entry Registration step-by-step instructions and page 2 for calendar of dates.
2. All entries should be brought into the Hobby Hall by the exhibitor. If it is necessary for someone else to bring the entry in, the entry must be pre-registered online prior to the entry deadline or properly labeled with Division and Class numbers by the exhibitor.
3. No entry fees will be charged.
4. All articles must be the handwork of an individual exhibitor. They must be finished within the last two years. No article can be exhibited a second year. SOILED OR OBVIOUSLY USED ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
5. ALL ITEMS WILL BE PLACED IN THE MOST SUITABLE CLASS. Each entrant shall be limited to ONE ENTRY PER CLASS, as to enter more would, in effect, be competing against oneself. Entries may be reclassified by staff or judges.
6. The "OTHER" class will only be used if the item does not fit within any other class in a division.
7. Items that belong in one Division (ie, wood working) will not be accepted in another Division (ie, crafts).
8. All awards need not necessarily be awarded in each class at the discretion of the judge.
9. The Hobby Hall is mainly for amateur craftspersons to compete and exhibit their work. The Fair considers the following as professionals: Anyone who makes more than \$4,000 per year from the sale of the judged craft item. Anyone who has a certified teaching certificate for that craft. Anyone who is paid to demonstrate that craft where supplies or finished works are sold. Anyone who has won the Grand Champion for 2 consecutive years in that division must enter as a professional the following year. A professional craftspersons may not enter a craft item from their profession into any amateur division (ie. a professional of hand painted china may not enter a hand painted ornament in the 'Holiday Decorations' division).
10. Divisions for teachers and professionals are offered for Leather Craft, Decorative Arts, Soft Toys and Animals, Calligraphy, Jewelry, Paper Crafts and Hand Painted China.
11. If you have won the Grand Champion for two consecutive years in a division, you will NOT BE ALLOWED to enter that division for one year.
12. Junior divisions are offered in Leather Craft, Jewelry, Paper Crafts, Models, Lego Building and Ceramics and Pottery. Juniors choosing to enter other divisions will be competing with adults.
13. All items placed on display must remain for the full length of The Fair.
14. The Washington State Fair assumes no responsibility for loss or damage. Every reasonable precaution will be used to protect items on display.
15. No "For Sale" cards will be allowed on exhibits or in the building.

MINERAL OF THE MONTH



Do you recognize this beautiful, beautiful Pink stone? If not, that's ok because it is really not super easy to find. It comes in Red, Pink, Lilac, and Purple which makes it awesome according to my 5 year old daughter. The stone is called Hexagonite and the mineral that give this stone its color is Maganese which makes it unique in that the only other stone that I know of that has a simliar coloring is Lapidolite which gets its coloring from Lithium. The difference between these two similiary colored stones is that Hexagonite can be translucent, transparent and sometimes opaque.



What is really cool is that Hexagonite is that that larger pieces can get faceted, but it also comes in crystal masses that make great display pieces.

Technecally, Hexanite is a purple colored variant of Tremolite, which typically comes in white or milky, but I think it deserves to be a stand alone gemstone.

Hexagonite can only be found in 2 locations (that we know of) in St. Lawrence County, NeYork and in the Czech Republic

FROM THE BENCH

This is going to be a 5 part series. If you wanted to print and tape them together, I bet they would look really good on the wall of your shop!

LAPS USED TO POLISH GEMS

Hardness 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ & less, (Group Three Faceting for Amateurs)

To prepare surfaces, use Ultralap silicon carbide laps;

23 micron (600±), 8 micron (1000±), 3 micron (8000±).

Polish laps: Ultralaps, chrome oxide, iron oxide.

Wax lap: (85% beeswax, 15% carnuba wax).

Pitch lap: (50% rosin, 50% tar, variable).

Agent; alumina on wax & pitch. Speed 50-100 rpm.

Mineral examples; barite, calcite, cerussite, cinnabar.

Local Area Shows for 2026

DATE & TIME	CLUB	SHOW	LOCATION
August 2026 8th 10am - 5pm 9th 10am - 5pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Annual Summer Rock and Mineral Sale	Maplewood Clubhouse 8802 196th St SW Edmonds, WA
August 2026 15th 9am—4pm	Shelton Rock and Mineral Society	16th Annual Tailgate Rock Sale and Swap Meet Tailgate spots \$40	MCRA 2100 E Johns Prairie Rd Shelton, WA
September 2026 19th 10am – 5pm 20th 10am – 4pm	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	60th Annual show	Cowlitz Co. Fairgrounds Events Center 1900 7th Ave Longview, WA
September 2026 19th 10am – 4pm 20th 10am – 4pm	Fraser Valley Rock and Gem Club	Annual show	Aldergrove Kinsmen Community Center 26770 29th Ave Aldergrove, BC
October 2026 2nd 10am-6pm 3rd 10am - 6pm 4th 10am—5pm	Portland Regional Rock and Gem Show	45th Annual \$7, under 12 free with adult	Wingspan Event Center 801 NE 34th Ave Hillsboro, OR
October 2026 3rd 10am - 5pm 4th 10am - 5pm	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	50th Anniversary show	Evergreen State Fairgrounds Display Bldg #500 14405 179th Ave SE Monroe, WA
October 2026 17th 10am—5pm 18th 10am—4pm	Hell's Canyon Gem Club	Hell's Canyon Annual Show \$5 per day, 12 and under free with adult	Nez Perce County Fair Building 1229 Burrell Avenue Lewiston ID 83501

2026 SHOW & TELL THEMES and PROGRAM NIGHT EVENTS

MEETING	DATE	SHOW & TELL THEME	PROGRAM NIGHT EVENT
January - 1st Meeting	January 9, 2026	Tiger's Eye or any field trip finds	
January - 2nd Meeting	January 23, 2026	Lace or any field trip finds	Field Trip Finds
February - 1st Meeting	February 13, 2026	Heart shaped or any field trip finds	
February - 2nd Meeting	February 27, 2026	No Show & Tell	Carl Carlson
March - 1st Meeting	March 13, 2026	"Sham" rocks or any field trip finds	
March - 2nd Meeting	March 27, 2026	No Show & Tell	Jerry's Rock Shop
April - 1st Meeting	April 10, 2026	April Fools Gold or any field trip finds	
April - 2nd Meeting	April 24, 2026	No Show & Tell	Auction/Potluck
May - 1st Meeting	May 8, 2026	Flower rocks or any field trip finds	
May - 2nd Meeting	May 22, 2026	No Show & Tell	Chris Herrera
June - 1st Meeting	June 12, 2026	Fancy Slabs & Fossils + any field trip finds	
June - 2nd Meeting	June 26, 2026	No Show & Tell	Tailgate Party @ Grange Parking Lot
July - 1st Meeting	July 10, 2026	Red, White, & Blue or any field trip finds	
July - 2nd Meeting	July 24, 2026	No Show & Tell	Jerry's Rock Shop
August - 1st Meeting	August 14, 2026	Carnelians + any field trip finds	
August - 2nd Meeting	Saturday, August 29, 2026	No Show & Tell	Picnic & Tailgate Party at club house on Saturday
September - 1st Meeting	September 11, 2026	Crystals + any field trip finds	
September - 2nd Meeting	September 25, 2026	No Show & Tell	Mini Demonstration
October - 1st Meeting	October 9, 2026	Wood + any field trip finds	
October - 2nd Meeting	October 23, 2026	No Show & Tell	Auction/Potluck
November - 1st Meeting	November 13, 2026	Thundereggs & Geodes + any field trip finds	
November - 2nd Meeting	November 27, 2026	No Show & Tell	BINGO Night
December - 1st Meeting	Saturday, December 12, 2026	No Show & Tell	Holiday Banquet/Officer Installation on Saturday
December - 2nd Meeting	No Meeting	No Show & Tell	

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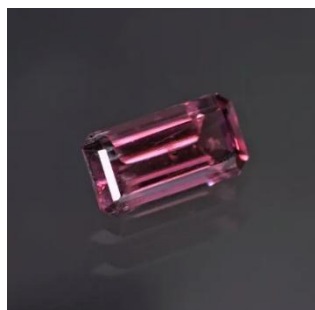
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